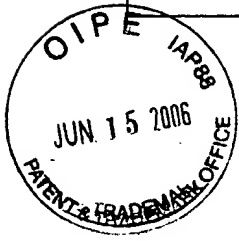


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In response to the Official Action mailed March 15, 2006, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner reconsider the rejections of the Claims in view of this reply.